

873—6.1(85,86) Compromise settlements. All agreements providing for the final compromise settlement of a case where liability under the Workers' Compensation Act is disputed shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the industrial commissioner for approval, together with such testimony or other evidence as may be required to establish that a bona fide dispute exists under Iowa Code section 85.35. Unless otherwise ordered by the industrial commissioner or deputy industrial commissioner an application for approval of compromise settlement shall not be accepted for filing if accompanied by documentation in excess of 20 pages. An order approving an application accompanied by documentary evidence in excess of 20 pages is nevertheless valid, and is neither void nor voidable. Any such settlement, when approved by the industrial commissioner, shall be binding upon the parties thereto and not subject to review under Iowa Code section 85.26(2).

6.1(1) When the claimant, in a matter over which the industrial commissioner has jurisdiction, is represented by an attorney licensed to practice in this state, and the claimant and the claimant's attorney agree that evidence of a bona fide dispute exists as to the enumerated factors of Iowa Code section 85.35, and the parties set forth a specific statement of facts of the bona fide dispute and allege that such facts are true, the professional statement of counsel for the parties shall constitute prima facie evidence that a bona fide dispute exists as required by Iowa Code section 85.35.

6.1(2) Nothing in the preceding paragraph shall prohibit the approval of settlements or commutations in other appropriate cases.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 85.35.